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Scientific Branch, ORE

1. Gen. Vandenberg has offered the position of Chief  
(or Coordinator), Scientific Branch, ORE, to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] We expect that [REDACTED] will become available  
during the current month. Activation of the Branch awaits  
that event.

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2. Our concept of the general functions of the Scientific  
Branch is set forth in the revised functional chart for ORE  
developed in consultation with [REDACTED] On several  
occasions we have discussed the implementation of this concept  
with [REDACTED] The essential  
question has been whether the Branch should consist of a few  
highly expert consultants to coordinate intelligence research  
being done in the several Departments and other Government  
agencies, or whether it should itself engage in considerable  
scientific intelligence research. Although the former view  
was favored at first, the tendency now is toward the latter  
in anticipation of budgetary restrictions on Departmental  
activities in this field. It is understood that, in any case,  
consultation and coordination with private individuals and  
agencies will be essential.

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3. Our present intention is to recruit, in grade P-8,  
men of good standing and connections in six fields of  
immediate interest, namely Aeronautics, Atomic Energy,  
Biological Warfare, Chemical Warfare, Communications &  
Electronics, and Guided Missiles. The difficulty to be  
anticipated is that outstanding scientists will prefer a  
status as consultants rather than full-time, yet the full-  
time services of at least one outstanding man in each field  
are essential. As these men are recruited, they will survey  
the existing situation in their respective fields and  
recommend a program of coordination and research. In  
accordance with the findings in each case, some Divisions  
of the Branch may be set up as agencies for coordination  
and exchange, while others may be expanded to undertake  
primary research responsibilities. Additional Divisions may  
be established.

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4. We suggest that an interdepartmental conference on

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scientific intelligence should be deferred until Mr. Sargeant has reported for duty and has had sufficient opportunity to survey the existing situations.

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